

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed on 7/12/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 3-27, 29-37, 39 and 40.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 9-25-07
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John A. FortKort (512-343-4525) on 9/20/2007.

(1) Regarding claim 35:

Lines 1-2, replace "A digital signal processor having digital hardware to perform acts for removing narrowband interference, the acts comprising:" with **---A method for removing narrowband interference perform by a digital signal processor having digital hardware, the method comprising:---**.

Line 11-12, replace the paragraph "wherein the filtering is performed by one of a high pass filter or a band pass filter, the high pass filter operable when the narrowband interference is a low frequency interferer." with the following paragraph **---wherein the filtering is performed by one of a high pass filter or a band pass filter, the high pass filter operable when the narrowband interference is a low frequency interferer; and wherein the metrics are generated in a soft decision metric generator that is coupled to receive an average magnitude associated with each of the separate narrowband signals.---**

(2) Regarding claim 36:

Line 1; replace "The digital signal processor of claim 35 wherein the acts further comprise:" with "**The method of claim 35 further comprise:---**".

(3) Regarding claim 37:

Line 1, replace "The digital signal processor of claim 35" to "**The method of claim 35---**".

(4) Regarding claim 39:

Line 1, replace "The digital signal processor of claim 35" to **---The method of claim 35---**.

(5) Regarding claim 40:

Line 1, replace "The digital signal processor of claim 35" to **---The method of claim 35---**.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1, 3-27, 29-37, and 39-40 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

(1) Regarding claim 1, 3-21:

The present invention describes a narrowband interference cancellation system comprising a narrowband processing component configured to receive a signal and identify one or more narrowband interference in the received signal, the narrowband processing component including a filter bank configured to separate the received signal into a predetermined number of channel bands; a wide band processing component

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coupled to receive both real and quadrature component of the received signal, the wide band processing component configured to provide an average level for an unfiltered version of the received signal; a soft decision metric generator coupled to both the narrowband processing component and the wide band processing component, the soft decision metric generator configured to produce metrics based on predetermined threshold; and a filter component configured to received coefficients from the soft decision metric generator, the filter component configured to cancel the one or more narrowband interference; wherein the filter bank is coupled to a plurality of magnitude estimators configured to determine a magnitude estimate fro each of the separate channel bands. The closest prior art Yeap et al. (US 2001/0050987 A1) and Furukawa (US 6,115,614) together disclose a similar system but fail to disclose wherein the filter bank is coupled to a plurality of magnitude estimators configured to determine a magnitude estimate fro each of the separate channel bands. This distinct feature has been added to the independent claim 1; therefore, rendering claims 1 and 3-21 allowable.

(2) Regarding claims 22-27, 29-37, and 39-40:

Claim 22 and 35 directed to a method of canceling narrowband interference in a wide bandwidth receiver. The closest prior art, Yeap et al. (US 2001/0050987 A1) discloses a similar method but fail to disclose wherein the metric are generated in a soft decision metric generator that is coupled to receive an average magnitude associated with each of the separate narrowband signals. This distinct feature has been added to

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the independent claim 22 and 35; therefore, rendering claims 22-27, 29-37, and 39-40 allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Siu M. Lee whose telephone number is (571) 270-1083. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 7:30-4:00 with every other Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chieh Fan can be reached on (571) 272-3042. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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